

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3 as follows:

“In a preferred embodiment of the high-pressure discharge lamp according to the invention the lamp base comprises a tube for providing a nitrogen atmosphere in the outer envelope during manufacturing of the high-pressure discharge lamp. This has the advantage that the atmosphere in the outer envelope can be controlled via the tube after the discharge vessel and the outer envelope have been mounted on the lamp base of the high-pressure discharge lamp.”